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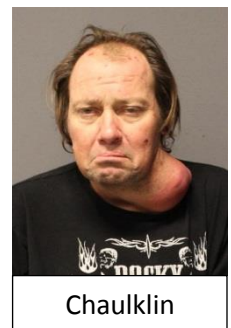
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January 13, 2016 – UPDATE – SUSPECT IN CUSTODY – VICTIM IDENTIFIED

Detectives investigating Homicide in Black Canyon City

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION – Early this morning, YCSO detectives booked 47-year-old Wayde Chaulklin into the Camp Verde Detention Center for one count of 2nd Degree Murder. The victim has been identified as 42-year-old Janine Appleford, the suspect's girlfriend. The incident occurred in a home in the 34000 block of Mud Springs Road, Black Canyon City.



Chaulklin claims he accidentally shot Appleford during early morning hours on Tuesday when part of a rifle he was carrying hit the corner of a table and 'went off.' He saw Appleford fall to the floor and covered her with a blanket while never making any effort to contact medical personnel. After daybreak, he mentioned the incident to a neighbor and they caused YCSO to be notified. Deputies were dispatched to the location around 12:30PM yesterday and it was apparent Appleford had been dead for some time. As the investigation continued, Chaulklin changed his story, but still claimed the shooting was accidental. Detectives have not released further details regarding their relationship.

The rifle involved in the incident was recovered from the scene. Chaulklin was in possession of methamphetamine when arrested. Bond has not been set as of this writing.

January 12, 2016 - YCSO detectives are on scene at a residence on Mud Springs Road, Black Canyon City, investigating a homicide. Around 12:30 this afternoon, deputies arrived at the location regarding a woman in her 40's with life threatening injuries. EMS personnel were called in and determined she had died. The death is classified as suspicious and YCSO detectives are currently investigating.

It is unlikely I will have any significant updates tonight, but expect to have further details by late morning tomorrow.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov